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# Annual Report

—OF—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

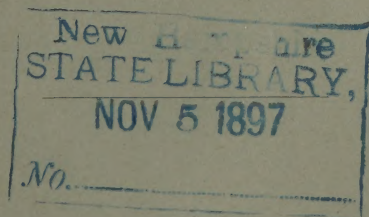
—AND—

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE TOWN OF—

STRATHAM, N. H.,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1883.



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## TOWN OFFICERS.

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*Moderator.*

GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

*Town Clerk.*

JOSEPH S. STAPLES.

*Selectmen.*JAMES E. ODELL, JAMES W. ROLLINS,  
GEORGE W. CHASE.*Superintending School Committee.*

ALBERT B. PEABODY.

*Collector of Taxes.*

GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

*Treasurer.*

JOSEPH S. STAPLES.

*Auditors.*

JOHN J. SCAMMON, GEORGE H. ODELL.

*Supervisors.*ALBERT C. LANE, ALBERT A. BATCHELDER,  
JOHN E. YOUNG.



## ACCOUNT OF

COLLECTOR GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection,

State, County, Town and School taxes,	\$5121 47
School district, No. 3, tax,	47 59
Non-resident " "	222 14
" Highway " "	24 93
" School " "	2 37
Uncollected Taxes of 1881,	224 83
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	\$5643 33

## COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	\$21 58
Abatement of taxes.	8 74
Discount,	91 66
Collector's services,	75 00
Treasurer in cash,	5127 35
Uncollected taxes,	319 00
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	\$5643 33

Balance in Collector's hands, \$319 00

Stratham, N. H., March 1, 1883.

This day examined the forgoing accounts of Collector George A. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and well vouched.

JOHN J. SCAMMON, }  
 GEORGE H. ODELL } Auditors.

# REPORT OF TREASURER, J. S. STAPLES.

Received of Treasurer, 1881,	\$522 25
Collector Wiggin,	5127 35
Savings bank tax,	837 77
State railroad tax,	200 36
Literary fund,	64 86
Bounty on hawks, 1880,	8 80
“ crows,	4 70
J. E. Odell, on town's note,	200 00
“ “ “ “	100 00
Sarah W. Chase, “ “	100 00
Lots in cemetery,	46 00
S. M. Pearsons, for brick,	1 50
County for year ending,	163 50
Rent town hall,	6 00
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	\$7383 09

## TREASURER STAPLES' DISCHARGE.

Paid Charles Lane, watering trough,	2 37
George A. Wiggin, services as Supervisor,	5 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing reports of 1881,	28 00
Thomas Boardman, bounty on crows,	80
L. G. Otis, abatement on his tax,	1 00
Oscar Harris, bounty on crows,	40
M. E. Horn, loss of sheep by dogs,	5 00
S. C. Place, loss of sheep by dogs,	5 00
G. W. Chase, distributing town accounts,	2 50
G. B. Wiggin, loss of sheep by dogs,	20 00
R. M. Scammon, loss of sheep by dogs,	15 00



Paid A. E. Jewell, services as Supervisor,	10 00
W. O. Junkins, return of births and deaths,	4 50
E. J. Smith, abatement of dog tax,	1 00
C. W. Winn, bounty on crows,	60
Willard Barker, bounty on crows,	30
J. W. Odell, return of births,	75
O. P. Childs, bounty on crows,	60
Everett Leavitt,                    "	30
Oscar Harris                       "	50
W. N. Weeks                       "	20
Charles Winn,                     "	40
County tax for the year 1882,	1719 62
J. H. Weeks bounty on Crows,	50
T. Morris, abatement on dog,	1 00
F. A. Caverley bounty on crows,	20
"                   "                   "                   hawks,	20
George A. Wiggin, insuring town house,	90 00
J. J. Smart, services as supervisor,	10 00
Geo. A. Wiggin,                   "                       "	5 00
J. E. Odell 2d, bounty on crows,	50
Jesse Place,                       "                       "	30
Thompson & Batchelder, blank books &c.,	3 93
State tax for the year 1882,	1364 00
W. L. Barker, bounty on crows,	90
C. E. Gear, coal and wood,	19 50
A. E. Jewell, services as supervisor,	5 00
D. P. Batchelder, labor on town hall,	25 62
A. B. Peabody, services as school committee,	23 25
J. E. Odell, note and interest,	210 90
"                   "                   "                       "	104 40
N. E. Norton, watering trough,	3 00
J. W. Rollins, services after auditing 1882.,	4 00
"                       "                       bounty on crows,	80
A. N. Rollins, watering trough,	3 00

Paid Benaiah Wiggin, abatement on loss of cow,	35
J. S. Staples, services as town clerk,	20 00
“ “ “ Treasurer,	25 00
“ “ expenses to Concord to pay State tax,	3 50
“ “ “ Portsmouth “ county “	1 00
George B. Wiggin, for over tax,	25 00
G. H. Odell, services janitor,	11 72
Charles Lane, watering trough,	3 00
G. H. Odell, services as auditor,	3 00
J. J. Scammon, “ “	3 00
A. B. Peabody, cost of school notices,	54
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	\$3795 95

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid J. P. Sanborn, for work on Winnicut bridge,	\$382 69
D. P. Batchelder, for work and lumber on Winnicut bridge,	150 00
Geo. W. Chase, for grading and hanging guide boards,	27 00
E. B. Chase, for labor on bridge,	34 00
J. A. Croker, painting guide boards,	33 10
F. A. Caverly, breaking roads,	1 08
John Emery, breaking roads,	67
DeWitt C. Jewell, for work and lumber,	10 61
C. W. Jones, for breaking roads,	11 20
F. S. Smith, for breaking roads,	6 30
B. S. Jenness, non-resident tax worked out,	3 13
“ for breaking roads,	38 25
H. V. Smith, for breaking roads,	1 50
A. M. Sanderson, for breaking roads,	1 25
D. Jewell, Jr., breaking roads and hanging guide boards,	10 02

Paid Geo. W. Chase, for finding plank and painting guide boards,	5 25
Michael Hanley, for posts,	2 10
J. P. Sanborn, and Smith C. Place, to Ports- mouth as witness in case of Jewell,	4 06
A. A. Haven, overwork, as surveyor on highway,	3 00
F. S. Smith, breaking roads,	9 40
A. A. Haven, breaking roads,	4 90
J. W. Rollins, breaking roads,	4 50
J. J. Scammon, breaking roads,	4 50
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	\$748 51

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### SCHOOLS.

Paid J. T. Smart, benefit of District No. 1,	\$371 21
D. C. Littlefield, " " 2,	367 16
Levi Barker, " " 3,	287 83
Albert A. Batchelder, " " 4,	253 59
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	\$1,279 79

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### TOWN AND COUNTY POOR.

Paid Sarah Philpot, for her support,	\$78 00
Mary A. Jones, " "	32 00
D. Blaisdell, for care of Mary A. Jones,	30 00
Mrs. Levi W. Mason, for her support,	102 93
Stephen Philpot, for his support,	10 50
I. N. Stockbridge, for benefit of A. Fogg,	12 25
Dr. E. O. Otis, for services rendered A. Fogg.	20 00
J. W. Odells, bill in case of Mary A. Saunders,	9 00



Paid L. W. Colbath, bill case of Mary A. Saunders.	6 00
David Jewell, jr., " " "	6 00
I. N. Stockbridge, " " "	9 00
C. N. Colbath, for coffin, box and robe for Mary A. Saunders,	12 00
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	\$327 68

### SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

#### TOWN OF STRATHAM TO J. E. ODELL, DR.

1882:

March 3 and 4, to preparing and conveying town accounts for printing,	\$2 00
17, to preparing inventories for distribution,	1 50
23, bridge examination,	75
31, jury meeting,	50
April 3, making appointments, returns, etc.,	75
14 and 15, Town Hall to receive inventories and hear all parties in relation thereto,	3 00
16, business with Commissioners, pauper case,	1 00
22, examining bridges,	75
27 and 28, making assessment,	3 00
29, in session,	1 50
May 12, Portsmouth on account of bridge,	2 00
13, bridge business,	1 00
15, Portsmouth court,	2 00
16, making copy of inventory to send to Concord,	2 00
" making Town, County. State, School, Highway and School District taxes,	12 00
" making an entire copy for Commissioners,	3 00

May	23, preparing surveyor's books, etc.,	1 50
	24, distributing books and qualifying officers,	75
	" preparing and delivering collectors book,	2 00
July	1, half day in session to receive surveyors books and other town business,	75
	3, half-day on bridge business,	75
Sept.	1, repairing bridge and business to Exeter, pauper case,	1 50
	29, jury meeting,	50
Oct.	3, Portsmouth to notify Commissioners on pauper case,	2 00
	16, examining bridge,	75
Nov.	8, pauper case,	1 50
Dec.	21, regulating jury box,	50
Jan.	18, half-day session,	75
	19, examining records,	75
	24, half-day session,	75
March	1, settling accounts, auditing accounts, etc.,	1 50
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		\$53 00

Stratham March 1, 1883, received, payment,

J. E. ODELL.

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TOWN OF STRATHAM, TO J. W. ROLLINS, DR.

March	17, 1882, to one day in session,	1 50
	20 distributing inventory blanks,	2 00
	23, 1-2 day at Winnicut bridge.	75
	31, session at post office,	1 00
April	3, 4, 5, 6, taking inventory,	8 00
	15, session at selectmen's room,	1 00
	22, 1-2 day at Winnicut bridge,	75
	27, 28, 29. making assessment,	5 00

May 15, going to Portsmouth, and expenses,	2 50
16, 1-2 day at Winnicut bridge,	75
23, preparing surveyors books and appointing surveyors,	1 75
25, distributing surveyors books,	1 00
30, preparing list of railroad shares and making return to secretary of State,	1 50
June 1, going to town treasurer's and Exeter,	1 00
2, writing appointments of surveyors of wood and lumber,	1 00
15, preparing list of school children and making return to S. S. committee,	1 50
Sept. 19, going to Exeter, Capt. Odell's and treasurer's,	1 00
20, 1-2 day on town business,	75
29, attending jury meeting,	50
Oct. 16, 1-2 day at Winnicut bridge,	75
Nov. 8, attendance at house of S. Scammon, on account of death of Mrs. Saunders,	1 00
20, going to Jesse Merrill's,	50
Dec. 21,--Jan. 18, Feb. 19, 24, 1883, four sessions at Selectmen's room,	4 00
Feb. 26, going to R. M. Scammon, in relation to auditing,	50
March 1, one day auditing accounts,	1 50

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\$41 50

Received payment,

J. W. ROLLINS,

March 1, 1883.



## TOWN OF STRATHAM TO G. W. CHASE, DR.

March	15, going to Mr. Rollin's,	\$ 75
	20, distributing inventory blanks,	2 00
	31, to Exeter,	1 00
	" jury meeting,	50
April	3, 4, 5 and 6, taking inventory,	8 00
	14 and 15, in session,	3 00
	21, Winnicut bridge,	75
	26, town business,	1 00
	28 and 29, in session,	3 00
May	10, making return of births and deaths.	1 50
	11, going to Capt. Odell's and J. W. Rollin's,	75
	15, to Portsmouth,	2 00
	16, town business,	50
	23, one day in session,	1 50
	29, Capt. Odell's and Levi Barker's,	75
	24, qualifying surveyors and distributing books,	2 00
	31, one evening in session,	50
June	1, town business,	75
Sept.	29, jury meeting,	50
	30, to Emmons Chase's,	75
Oct.	12, to Winnicut bridge,	75
	13, to Capt. Odell's,	50
	16, Winnicut bridge,	75
	17, town business,	75
Nov.	8, Stephen Scammon's,	50
	9, cemetery,	50
Dec.	15, Charles E. Gear's,	75
Jan.	17, half-day in session,	75
Feb.	19, half-day in session,	1 50
	24, half-day in session,	75
	24, post-office in evening to post warrant,	50
March	1, one day in session,	1 50

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 \$41 00

Stratham, March 1, received payment, G. W. CHASE.

## RECAPITULATION.

Cash received by the Treasurer,	\$7,383 09
Paid outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	\$3,795 95
Highways and bridges,	748 51
Schools,	1,279 79
Town and County Poor,	327 68
Selectmen's Bills,	135 50
Cash on hand,	1,095 66
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	\$7,383 09

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

STRATHAM, March 1, 1883.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them fairly brought, rightly cast and well vouched and a balance in his hands, of one thousand, ninety-five dollars and sixty-six cents.

J. J. SCAMMON,  
 GEORGE H. ODELL, } Auditors.

## STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1883.

Note held against the Town by school district

No. 1, with interest amounting to,	\$461 67
Note held by S. W. Chase, with interest,	104 58
Other bills (estimated,)	150 00
Money deposited with George E. Lane, (banker)	380 75

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\$1,097 00

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## MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$1,095 66
Uncollected taxes,	319 00

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\$1,414 66

1,097 00

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Balance in favor of the Town,
\$317 66





THE ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Superintending School Committee  
OF THE  
TOWN OF STRATHAM  
For the year ending March 1, 1883.

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DISTRICT NO. 1.

J. T. SMART, *Prudential Committee.*

The first two terms of the year were taught by Miss Annie H. Wilkinson, of South Newmarket, a teacher of experience, who made diligent efforts to do good work in the school. The best of good feelings was maintained between teacher and scholars, and a good degree of progress was secured, yet not quite what was expected of the school both in point of order and promptness and correctness of answers. Perhaps the teacher was too easy with the school. A few pounds of enthusiasm would have scattered the dulness, as a bright sun does a morning fog, and a decided purpose not to accept a poor

lesson would have done much to secure thoroughness day by day. If the enthusiasm and thoroughness manifested in mental problems, characterized all the recitations, better results would have been secured; yet the examinations showed that considerable progress had been made.

The Winter term not yet completed is taught by Mr. A. W. Richards of South Newmarket. Mr. Richards having taught this school last Winter, was able to take up the work at, and with full acquaintance with the scholars and has carried it onward with marked success.

This school is a remarkable example of a good family school, the teacher ruling and teaching as a father, very careful to have every point that comes before the children thoroughly understood before it is left, and very patient with the slower ones, and the children having the freedom and good-will that should exist between parent and children. Good thorough work has been done in the school as shown by a recent visit. Some were absent from sickness to the regret of your Superintendent, yet those who were present manifested enthusiasm in their studies and some of them remarkable progress. The parents and friends of the scholars intend to come in at the closing examination and see for themselves.

There is not enough visiting of our schools by the parents of the children, at other times than the final examination as well as then. I am sure such visits would do the parents good, and do good also to the teacher and scholars. Why not take time for this and help in a good work? For what good is success elsewhere if your children make failures of themselves?

A new school floor is wanted in District No. 1.



## DISTRICT NO. 2.

D. L. LITTLEFIELD, *Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught during the year by Miss Emma Blodgett of Kensington, and has been a very successful school. A marked illustration of the influence of a bright, enthusiastic teacher to make our country schools fully equal to the city schools, as testified at the closing examination by a Master of one of the Boston Grammar Schools.

The order of the school whenever visited, was all that could be wished. The good will that existed between teacher and scholars was easily seen and also it was evident that good, faithful, persistent work had been done, day by day by teacher and scholars. The results as shown at the examination witness to a remarkable progress made by the school. The recitations were prompt, clear and wide awake, making the school-room a pleasant place and the school-work delightful.

This school illustrates again the universal importance, while we have the double-headed system of school management, that some states have wisely given up, that the Prudential Committee should be *very careful* in the selection of a teacher. Success or failure depends upon this beyond all that the Superintending Committee can do. No one should be chosen to the office of Prudential Committee who is not willing to find the best teacher that he can, and not engage the first candidate that comes to his door, that can get appointed by the other head. It is too late to do much for that school where an incompetent teacher has been put in charge; while a good enthusiastic teacher will develop all the enthusiasm and good scholarship of the pupils and will lead them on to victory.

## DISTRICT NO 3.

LEVI BARKER, *Prudential Committee.*

This school was taught during the year by Miss Bertha J. Hobbs of South Newmarket, and has in the judgment of your committee fully kept up its good reputation in the past. Without attempts at display the evidence was abundant during the term and at the close of the year that good faithful work had been done by teacher and scholars.

The teacher has been prompt and decided in command of the school and the scholars, many of whom were older than in the other schools, have rendered that respectful deference and prompt obedience which were her due.

This school, the largest in town, has many excellent scholars. The recitation in Colburn's Arithmetic was a brilliant one. A sketch of the life of Whittier with well spoken recitations from his poems, added to the interest of examination day.

I congratulate this District on the good done in their school this year. Their interest in the education of their children was manifested by the presence of many at the close of school, and has also been shown by raising money, additional to the town tax, for the support of the school.

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## DISTRICT NO. 4.

A. A. BATCHELDER, *Prudential Committee.*

The Spring and Autumn terms were taught by Miss Abbie H. Frink of Newington. It was new work for the teacher, yet the close of the Spring term showed that good progress had been made. The order was good and the general exercises in History were very good. The best of good feeling appeared to exist between

teacher and scholars. The Fall term was characterized by the same diligent work on the part of the teacher, and the attendance was good on the part of the scholars. Not quite the same promptness was noticed in recitations though the school as a whole was a successful one.

The Winter term of nine weeks, was taught by Miss Mary P. Smith of this town. This was Miss Smith's first school. This school showed when visited that it was doing well. Perhaps more explanations and illustrations on the part of the teacher would have been helpful. At the close of this short school, several of the older pupils were absent from sickness. The examinations manifested that good work had been done for the term, and that it had been a pleasant school.

There seems to be a mistake somewhere, that her Winter term of school in this district is so much shorter than in the other districts. What have these children done that they should not have as good a chance as the children in the other districts, with their twelve weeks or more of Winter school?

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### REMARKS.

The schools have gone forward with their work very pleasantly this year, and good work has been done. Prizes were offered in the Autumn for the best composition from our scholars on the subject of Intemperance. Many compositions were prepared with much enthusiasm and very marked ability. At the public examination in November, most of them were read to a large and attentive audience and the prizes awarded. It was a temperance meeting of great interest, and no doubt the plan and its carrying out will do much good. Our best hope in this cause is to make sure of the children for the right, till they can say with one of the youngest boys, "I think that I shall not be a drunkard," and with

one of the younger girls, "Intemperance is a sin." We need text-books on intemperance to be used in all our schools.

At one time this year twenty-one of the older scholars of this town were attending schools in other towns: enough, with the advanced scholars in town, not finding the opportunity to thus attend higher schools, to make a good High School in Stratham. Question? Would it not be well for this town for its own welfare for the year to come, to support a High School at a central place, say the Town Hall, for at least one long Winter term, that all the advanced scholars who wished could partake of its benefits. Would not that be a long step in advance for Stratham? Or better still that some one or that several of the rich men of this town, uniting in the work, should find it in their hearts to give the town money enough to establish a High School for all the year, with a suitable building.

That brings to mind the line, "How far a good deed shines in a naughty world."

That would make fragrant their memories for many generations. How more usefully dispose of a portion of their property for the good of their native town, or better repay the debt we all owe to our fathers for the institutions we have inherited? "I speak as to wise men. Consider ye what I have said."

Education and godliness are the best safeguards of our town and nation. Education will not make good character, that alone can secure prosperity, but education with godliness will. Our fathers wisely builded the school-house next to the church and took care of both at great cost and self-sacrifice. If we, their descendants, do not want disgrace, poverty, intemperance and crime, to come in like a flood, we must take good care of our schools and of our churches, the light-houses and also the strongholds of good civilization.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. B. PEABODY.



## STATISTICAL REPORT.

Districts.	1	2	3	4	Tl
No. weeks in summer term,	9	10	8	10	37
“ “ fall “	8	11	10	8	37
“ “ winter “	12	11	12	9	44
Average attendance summer,	18	18.9	24.8	17	78
“ “ fall,	22	19.7	24.6	22	89
“ “ winter,	23	18	28	16	85
Whole No. scholars in summer,	22	21	28	19	90
“ “ fall,	23	21	27	23	94
“ “ winter,	28	20	31	17	96
“ “ diff. scholars during year	34	24	39	23	120
Wages of male teachers per month,	\$40				40
“ female “ “ “	\$35	41 $\frac{1}{3}$	33 $\frac{1}{3}$	34	143 $\frac{2}{3}$
No. scholars in Arithmetic,	26	22	27	20	95
“ “ Reading,	29	24	38	23	114
“ “ Spelling,	29	24	38	23	114
“ “ Penmanship,	26	24	28	20	98
“ “ Grammar,	18	18	15	9	60
“ “ Geography,	26	20	17	12	75
“ “ Composition.	10	15	22	10	57
“ “ History,	11	18	6	10	45
“ “ Physiology,			3		3
“ “ Algebra,	4	2	5	1	12
“ “ Book-keeping,	5				5
“ “ Vocal Music,		24			24
“ “ Astronomy,	3				3
“ “ Natural History,	1				1
“ “ Drawing,		14			14
“ “ Geometry,			1		1
“ “ Physical Geography,			5		5

Income from literary fund,	\$64 86
School, money raised by town,	1204 92
Whole amount of school money,	1269 78
District No. 1.	371 21
“ “ 2.	367 16
“ “ 3, \$50 raised by district,	277 82
“ “ 4,	253 59

Text--books used.—Franklin Reader, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Monteith's Geography, Guyot's Physical Geography, Barnes' History, Worcester's Spelling Book, Robinson's Algebra, Mayhew's Book-keeping, Hooker's Physiology, Well's Shorter Course in Grammar, Hart's Rhetoric.

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## <◊>ROLL OF HONOR<◊>

NAMES OF PUPILS NOT ABSENT OR TARDY FOR ONE TERM.

District No. 1.—\*Sadie P. Peabody, Mary E. Dean, Fred E. Otis, Ella Keefe, Minnie M. Rundlett, Myra N. Rundlett, George Bowley.

District No. 2.—John S. Brown, \*Alma D. Hanley, \*Annie J. Hanley, \*Mary L. Hanley, \*Mortie B. Hanley, Willie D. Littlefield, Ada N. Norton, \*James True Roby, Ella F. Smith, Josie R. Roby, Mabel M. Robinson, John Piper, Alice M. Roby, Fred. H. Robinson, Willie K. Scorgie, James D. Littlefield.

District No. 3.—\*Frank H. Barker, Willard Barker, Jeremiah Fitzgerald, Everett L. Jewell, Prentiss L. Wiggin, Mary F. Barker, Lilla F. Fitzgerald, Grace E. Gowen, Mary I. Gowen, Florence Hanscom, Hattie L. Jewell, Vesta E. Jewell, Viola I. Jewell, Emma S. Leavitt, Effie Chapman, \*M. Belle French, Helen P. Gowen, Sadie B. Jewell, George L. Barker.

District No. 4.—Lucy Marston, Orén Marston, Edward Marston, Fred Wiggin, Josie Wiggin.

Those marked with \* not absent or tardy during the year.









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